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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. DAO PROJECT: MEETING WAS HELD HERE YESTERDAY ON TRANS-
PORT OF MATERIALS TO MOSCOW FOR DAO PROJECT. LOGISTICAL
PROBLEMS WERE REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY F00 PROJECT MANAGER
BALLARD. NEW ELEMENT HAS SURFACED--BECAUSE OF SIZES AND
SHAPES OF MATERIALS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SEND FOUR
(4) CONTAINERS OF MATERIALS RATHER THAN TWO (2). FROM POINT
OF VIEW OF LOGISTICS, BALLARD DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL BE
PROBLEM SO LONG AS THEY ARE PHASED IN TWO SHIPMENTS, TWO
CONTAINERS AT A TIME. HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO
EMPTY FOUR CONTAINERS ALREADY IN COURTYARD AND LOAD MATERIALS
AS THEY ARE PROCESSED THROUGH CUSTOMS FROM FRONT OF EMBASSY.

PRESENT SCENARIO CALLS FOR SENDING IN FIRST TWO CONTAINERS
VIA MAC TO HELSINKI IN FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF JUNE WITH
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SECOND SHIPMENT TO BE SENT THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK IN JUNE OR
LATER AS RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY. (MAY TIMEFRAME NOT CONSID-
ERED BECAUSE OF AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATION TAKING PLACE.)
CONTAINERS WOULD BE SENT OVERLAND VIA LENINGRAD AS WAS DONE
FOR THE OC SHIPMENT LAST NOVEMBER WITH CUSTOMS PROCESSING
IN FRONT OF EMBASSY.

IN VIEW OF FACT MATERIALS WILL NOT BE NEEDED UNTIL FALL, NEW SCENARIO MAY RAISE QUESTIONS OF VISIBILITY, CUSTOMS PROCESSING AND SECURITY. CABLE WILL BE SENT EARLY NEXT WEEK SETTING FORTH PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR REVIEW AND COMMENTS.

2. RE MOSCOW 9229 JENKINS HAS CHECKED WITH EXECUTIVE SEMINAR MEMBERS AND THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY TWICE FOR DINNER IF NECESSARY IN ORDER TO DINE IN SMALL GROUPS AT SEPARATE RESTAURANTS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. JENKINS' IDEA IS FOR GROUPS TO ASSEMBLE FOR DRINKS AT EMBASSY OFFICERS' APARTMENTS, FOLLOWED BY RESTAURANT DINNERS. HE RECOGNIZES THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE IN KIEV.

3. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING THOROUGHLY AT THE CLASSIFIED POUCH PROBLEM, AND I WILL BE SENDING SOME TEST LETTERS TO SEE IF IT REALLY WORKS ON THE SCHEDULE CLAIMED. YOU MIGHT WISH TO DO THE SAME FROM YOUR END.

4. I HAVE DONE SOME FURTHER RESEARCHING AND IT APPEARS THAT GERMAN IS INDEED THE BEST AVAILABLE CANDIDATE AND IN FACT WOULD BE VERY GOOD IN THE JOB. UNLESS THE AMBASSADOR HAS AND SECOND THOUGHTS, WE WILL PROCEED TO NAIL IT DOWN INFORMALLY WITH GERMAN EARLY NEXT WEEK, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO CONFIRMATION OF BROWN'S TRANSFER. HIS NOMINAL AVAILABILITY IS AUGUST, AND I'M NOT SURE HOW RUSTY HIS RUSSIAN IS, BUT
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WE WILL TRY TO WORK THINGS OUT. VANCE

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